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‘Stein’ tradition celebrates 100th anniversary of rivalry

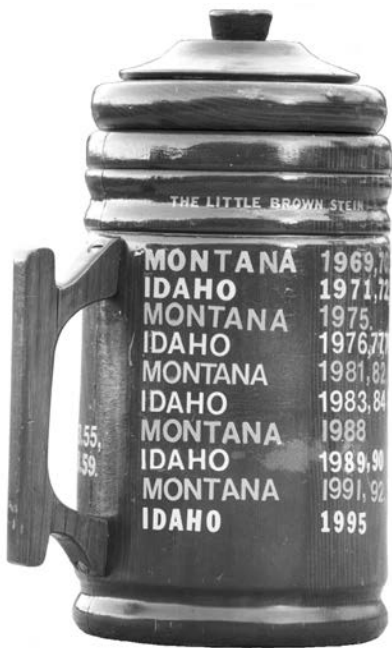
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Game Day Kaimin

Rivalries are the essence of college football, and this weekend one of the oldest and most storied of these local rivalries will be played out in Washington-Grizzly Stadium.

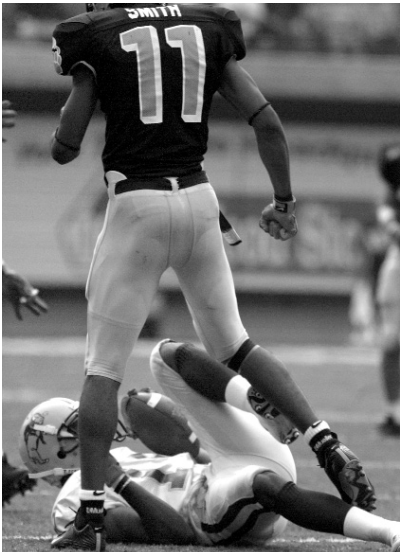
Yes, the Griz have another rival: the University of Idaho Vandals, who come to Missoula seeking victory in a match-up that celebrates its 100th birthday this year.

Montana and Idaho meet for the 83rd time today in a clash that stretches back a century. After a three-year hiatus in the late 1990s, as Idaho moved to Division I-A, the two teams have played in some memorable and

heart-stopping games. Every Griz/Vandal game played between 1999 and 2001 was decided on the final play. This year the Griz look to extend their winning streak to four following last year’s 38-31 triumph. Idaho’s last victory came on a last-second field goal in 1999. Idaho claimed a lopsided victory in the 1903 game and has since continued its winning ways against the Griz. They lead the rivalry 55-25-2. In 1938, the stakes rose with the introduction of a trophy. The Little Brown Stein, a 12-pound, 25-inch wooden beer stein, is given to the winner of the game. Idaho has claimed the Little Brown Stein 37 times to Montana’s 20.



The “Little” Brown Stein displays winners of the annual Idaho/Montana football matchup. Actual size of the all-wood mug: 25 inches.



Grizzly cornerback Vernon Smith lays a vicious hit on a North Dakota State wide receiver during a game earlier this season at Washington-Grizzly Stadium.

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